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SUBJ: VIETNAM-PRC BORDER DISPUTE

1. THE HANOI CORRESPONDENT (BENGT ALBOUS) OF SWEDEN'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER, DAGENS NYHETER, REPORTED ON APRIL 25 THAT 30 VIETNAMESE TROOPS WERE KILLED DURING TWO OUTBREAKS ALONG THE VIETNAMESE-PRC BORDER IN FEBRUARY. ALBOUS REPORTS FURTHER THAT SEVERAL INCIDENTS, NONE INVOLVING TANKS, TOOK PLACE NEAR THE VIETNAMESE BORDER OF MONG CAI WHEN ALLEGED TANK BATTLES REPORTED BY SWEDISH RADIO WOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

2. IN SAME DESPATCH ALBOUS CITES SEVERAL REASONS TO DOUBT LIKELIHOOD OF TANK BATTLES HAVING OCCURRED:

A) THE SERPENTINE ROAD BETWEEN LANG SOU AND CAO BANK IS NOT SUITABLE FOR TANK WARFARE.

B) THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGN OF INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY AROUND HANOI.

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C) THE VIETNAMESE MFA HAS SPECIFICALLY DENIED THE REPORT.

3. COMMENT: ALBOUS' STORY FITS TOGETHER WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM SWEDISH MEDIA COLLEAGUES WHO TRAVELLED WITH FM SODER TO VIETNAM AND PRC, NONE OF WHOME HAVE LENT PARTICULAR CREDENCE TO THE SWEDISH RADIO STORY.
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